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January 9, 2025

Via ECF

The Honorable Katherine Polk Failla,  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse  
40 Foley Square,  
New York, NY 10007-1312.

**MEMO ENDORSED**

Re: United States v. Francisco Mariano, No. 23-Cr.-00180 (KPF)

Dear Judge Failla:

I represent Mr. Francisco Mariano pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act. I write to advise the Court that Mr. Mariano has informed me that he does not have faith in my ability to represent him in connection with the potential disposition of his case, and that he no longer wishes for me to serve as his counsel.

Accordingly, I am respectfully requesting that the Court relieve me and my colleagues, Morgan R. Knudtsen and Gage G. Hodgen, from representing Mr. Mariano after suitable arrangements for his legal representation are made.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Nicole Friedlander

Nicole Friedlander

cc: Nicholas S. Bradley  
Sarah L. Kushner  
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David J. Robles

The Court is in receipt of the above request to substitute counsel. Accordingly, the parties are hereby ORDERED to appear for a conference on **January 30, 2025**, at **12:00 p.m.**, in Courtroom 618 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the pending motion at docket entry 155.

Dated: January 10, 2025  
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Katherine Polk Failla".

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE